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CHESTERTOWN BANK ROBBER SENTENCED

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that U.S. District Court Judge Marvin J. Garbis sentenced Bryan Jason Hunley, age 20, of Worton, Maryland today to 121 months in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release in connection with his participation in the armed bank robbery of the Farmers Bank of Maryland on April 2, 2003.

According to facts presented to the court at the time of his guilty plea, on April 2, 2003 at approximately 10:10 a.m., Hunley and his co-defendant, wearing hooded sweatshirts, entered the bank lobby area of Farmers Bank of Maryland located at 501 Washington, Ave., Chestertown, Maryland brandishing loaded shotguns. The tellers were instructed to place money in a loot bag. The tellers complied, placing approximately \$7,964 in a loot bag provided by Hunley and his co-defendant. Unbeknownst to them, the tellers also placed a dye pack in the loot bag.

Hunley and his co-defendant fled the bank and ran across the street onto the campus of Washington College whereupon the dye pack exploded, causing them to abandon the money and flee. Kent County Sheriff's deputies, Chestertown police officers and Washington College security

officers were alerted approximately 9 minutes after the robbery that two black males carrying guns had been observed running on the campus. Approximately 15 minutes after the bank had been robbed, college security officers discovered a blue tarp under the campus footbridge. Upon looking under the tarp, the officers saw 2 shotguns and several articles of clothing, including a black hooded sweatshirt with holes cut in the hood, a faded black/grey sweatshirt, a pair of black stockings with the legs cut off, a black ski mask, a pair of cotton work gloves, a pair of black sweat pants and a pair of grey sweat pants. Hunley and his co-defendant were arrested after being observed coming from the direction of the Washington College campus and after both admitted to crossing the footbridge where the weapons and clothing was found. According to testimony at the suppression hearing, this was only the second time in the past 20 years that a bank robbery has occurred in Chestertown.

The co-defendant's case is still pending.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kent County Sheriff's Department and the Chestertown Police Department. All of these law enforcement agencies were assisted by Washington College campus security officers. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher J. Romano.